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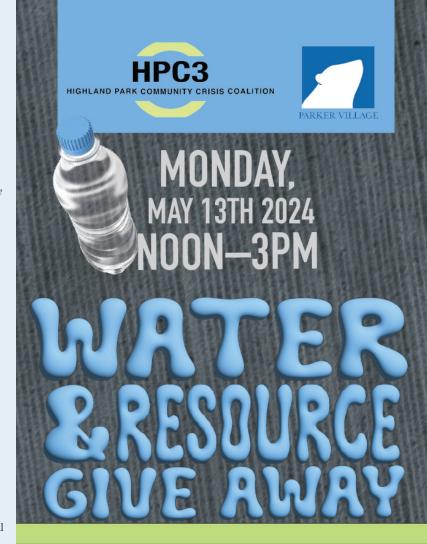






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LOOKING BACK By Juan Shannon

Clenda McDonald took the office of Mayor of the historic city of Highland Park in 2023.

Recently at the State of the City address, the Mayor outlined the goals and introduced the staff and partners that she hopes to carry the city into a new era.

Goals and Projects include the upcoming W.O.W. gas station and a target of selling 295 of the 1,471 city-owned properties this year. Achieving this goal would significantly increase the city's tax revenue and improve city services.

The Mayor also recently announced that the city council approved the agreement to end the 20-year battle with GLWA regarding our water lawsuit. Additionally, the water department announced plans to replace lead water lines, and 3.5 miles of cast iron water mains and to design and install MAST water meters. Outsiders may not be able to tell, but the future for Highland Park is looking brighter daily.

Crime is down by 42%, FLOCK camera systems have been installed, and approximately \$750,000 in stolen assets have been recovered. The Police department is focusing on more community engagement and has partnered with D.W.I.F.N. to include mental health services, to address issues within the city.

The Mayor continued with the news of improvements within the department, including that our entire fire department is now trained in C.P.R. and is looking to slowly transition into handling medical calls to give some relief to E.M.S. services within the city.

Emphasis was placed on the increase in usage of technology and social media and she proudly announced that council meetings, Planning, T.I.F.A., and other official city meetings are available on the city's YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/@mihighlandpark

In closing Mayor McDonald emphasized that her administration is accessible and working for the city to improve the quality of life in the historic city of Highland Park.

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